

Water safety frameworks in developing countries: science-policy linkages

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Policy and science

- Policy requires evidence – the role of science
- **BUT** other factors – social, ethical, political also important
- **SO** policy often *evidence-informed* rather than *evidence-based*
- Policy works through formal and informal processes
 - don't get fixated on policy documents

Policy and science – fraught with mis-understanding

- Scientists think policy-makers do not follow evidence
- Policy-makers think scientists narrow technicians
- Further complicated when science is
 - Limited in its development in-country
 - Small number of ‘voices’ dominate
 - Limited operational research of policy relevance